



2006 CFCC Survey of Juvenile Court Judges, Commissioners, and Referees

I. BACKGROUND

1. Are you a:

- ☐ Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
- ☐ Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
- ☐ Judge
- ☐ Commissioner
- ☐ Referee

2. In which county is your court? _____

3. Which of the following cases do you hear? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Juvenile Dependency
- ☐ Juvenile Delinquency
- ☐ Juvenile Traffic
- ☐ Child Support
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Probate
- ☐ Adult Criminal
- ☐ Adult Traffic
- ☐ Civil
- ☐ Other _____

If you do not hear dependency or delinquency cases, please complete this page only and return it in the enclosed envelope or fax to the AOC at 415-865-7217 so that we can correct our records. You do not need to complete the remainder of this survey. Thank you for your time.

Please call Iona Mara-Drita at 415-865-7563 with any questions.

4. Please skip to **Q. 7** if you do not hear dependency cases.

When did you begin this dependency assignment? _____ (month) _____ (year)

5. When do you think it will conclude? _____ (month) _____ (year)

- ☐ Indefinite, or at retirement
- ☐ Do not know

6. Would you choose to continue past the probable end date if you could?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

7. Please skip to **Q.10** if you do not hear delinquency cases.

When did you begin this delinquency assignment? _____ (month) _____ (year)

8. When do you think it will conclude? _____ (month) _____ (year)

- ☐ Indefinite, or at retirement
- ☐ Do not know

9. Would you choose to continue past the probable end date if you could?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

10. What is the total amount of time that you have been in:

Dependency assignments: _____ Years _____ Months

Delinquency assignments: _____ Years _____ Months

11. In total, how many years have you been in the following positions, regardless of case type (please enter 0 for titles that you have not held):

Judge _____ Years _____ Months

Commissioner _____ Years _____ Months

Referee _____ Years _____ Months

12. Apart from judge, commissioner, and referee, what professional roles have you had in juvenile court matters? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ None
- ☐ Child's attorney in dependency
- ☐ Child's attorney in delinquency
- ☐ Parent's attorney in dependency
- ☐ County counsel or city attorney in dependency
- ☐ Prosecutor in delinquency
- ☐ Probation Officer
- ☐ Social Worker
- ☐ GAL, in dependency
- ☐ Pro-tem
- ☐ CASA volunteer
- ☐ Other _____

13. How much of your time do you spend on delinquency and dependency matters? If it varies significantly, please estimate based on last month.

Dependency

- ☐ None
- ☐ Full time
- ☐ More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- ☐ About 1/2 time
- ☐ More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- ☐ About 1/4 time
- ☐ Less than 1/4 time

Delinquency

- ☐ None
- ☐ Full time
- ☐ More than 1/2 time, less than full time
- ☐ About 1/2 time
- ☐ More than 1/4 time, less than 1/2 time
- ☐ About 1/4 time
- ☐ Less than 1/4 time

14. What types of juvenile court calendars do you regularly hear? Check all that apply.

Dependency

- ☐ None
- ☐ General
- ☐ Detention or Initial
- ☐ Drug Court (for youth)
- ☐ Drug Court (for adults)
- ☐ Mental Health Court
- ☐ Other _____

Delinquency

- ☐ None
- ☐ General
- ☐ Detention or Initial
- ☐ Deferred Entry of Judgment
- ☐ Traffic
- ☐ Drug Court
- ☐ Mental Health Court
- ☐ Domestic Violence
- ☐ Youth/Peer Court
- ☐ Other _____

II. CROSSOVER PROCESSES IN YOUR COURTROOM

15. Please rate your satisfaction with how your court handles cases involving children who are moving from one part of the juvenile court to the other by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

The frequency with which probation and child welfare reach agreements	5	4	3	2	1
Information sharing between the two agencies	5	4	3	2	1
Information presented to you when agencies' viewpoints diverge	5	4	3	2	1
The appropriateness of the recommendations, given youth's offense, strengths, and challenges	5	4	3	2	1

16. In addition to public safety and child's best interest concerns, which of the following are considerations when deciding on moving youth from one part of the juvenile court to the other? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ There is an interruption in services for dependent youth who enter the delinquency system
- ☐ Services for youth in the delinquency system are not as extensive as services in the dependency system
- ☐ Delinquent youth who cannot be sent home are kept on probation longer than delinquent youth who can be sent home
- ☐ Dependent youth with delinquency referrals can lose their ability to return to their prior placement
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other _____

17. When a dependent youth in your court has a delinquency filing, as a rule, are you assigned to that case as well?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

18. When a delinquent youth in your court has a dependency filing, as a rule, are you assigned to that case as well?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

III. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

19. Did you receive specialized training early in your first **dependency** assignment? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Yes, before I started the assignment
- ☐ Yes, within one year of starting the assignment
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Do not recall

20. Did you receive specialized training early in your first **delinquency** assignment? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Yes, before I started the assignment
- ☐ Yes, within one year of starting the assignment
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Do not recall

21. In the last year, about how many hours of specialized training related to juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency, or related subjects did you participate in as a learner? (Note: please exclude hours spent as an instructor.)

_____ hours

- ☐ Do not know

22. Which, if any, are significant work-related barriers to your attending more trainings? Check all that apply.

- ☐ I have no significant work-related barriers to attending trainings
- ☐ Few juvenile trainings are available in my area
- ☐ Travel is difficult from my court's geographical location
- ☐ Court has trouble covering my time away
- ☐ Available trainings do not meet my needs
- ☐ Court budget constraints
- ☐ Other work-related reasons

If you hear delinquency cases, please continue with the survey.

If you hear dependency, but not delinquency cases, please stop here. You are done with the survey.

Thank you for the time you have taken to fill out this important survey. Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope by June 30, 2006. Please call Iona Mara-Drita at 415-865-7563 with any questions.

For the remainder of this survey, please consider only your delinquency cases.

IV. HEARING MANAGEMENT

23. Please check the description that best suits your courtroom regarding continuances and other hearing delays. They are:

- ☐ Not a problem
- ☐ A minor problem
- ☐ A moderate problem
- ☐ A major problem

24. How often do you have enough time to complete your calendar and hear each case to your satisfaction?

- ☐ Always or nearly always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Never or rarely
- ☐ Not applicable

25. What are the top causes of hearing delays in uncontested matters? **Please check the top 3.**

- ☐ Hearings need more than allocated time
- ☐ Lack of or improper notice
- ☐ Youth not present
- ☐ Parent not present
- ☐ Attorney not present
- ☐ Attorney not ready
- ☐ Probation not present
- ☐ Probation report not available or filed on time
- ☐ Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- ☐ Other reports, persons, or information not available

26. What are the top causes of hearing continuances in contested matters, or trials? **Please check the top 3.**

- ☐ Hearing needs more than allocated time
- ☐ Lack of or improper notice
- ☐ Youth not present
- ☐ Parent not present
- ☐ Attorney not present
- ☐ Attorney not ready
- ☐ Probation not present
- ☐ Probation report not available or filed on time
- ☐ Evaluation reports not available or filed on time
- ☐ Evidentiary information or witness not available
- ☐ Other reports, persons, or information not available

27. Which factors must be met before you will terminate wardship? Check all that apply.

- ☐ None. There are no pre-determined standards for dismissal
- ☐ No recent re-offenses
- ☐ No recent violations of probation
- ☐ Community service fulfilled
- ☐ Restitution fulfilled
- ☐ Other court-ordered terms fulfilled
- ☐ Youth able to return home
- ☐ Other. Please specify _____

V. QUALITY OF INFORMATION AND ADVOCACY

28. Please check the box that best describes your belief about pre-petition diversion (WIC 654, informal probation).

- ☐ I believe that diversion is over-utilized. Too many matters that should have judicial oversight do not come to court.
- ☐ I believe that diversion is underutilized. I dismiss or order informal supervision for a high number of cases that should not have come to court.
- ☐ I believe that diversion is utilized appropriately.

29. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in **detention/initial hearing probation reports** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Prior delinquency record	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Parent's feeling about detaining the youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Risk assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Indian ancestry	5	4	3	2	1	X

30. Please rate your satisfaction with quality of information in **jurisdiction and disposition hearing probation reports** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Prior delinquency record	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Risk and needs assessments	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

31. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for **post-disposition probation youth who are at home** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Progress in community service, restitution, and fines	5	4	3	2	1	X
Progress in meeting other terms of probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Provision of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Effectiveness of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Home life	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

32. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for **youth placed in foster or group homes** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

☐ I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Progress in community service, restitution, and fines	5	4	3	2	1	X
Progress in meeting other terms of probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the placement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Provision of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Effectiveness of court-ordered services	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

33. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in probation review reports for youth placed in **camps and ranches** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

☐ I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the facility	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether court-ordered services are being provided	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether services have been effective	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

34. Please rate your satisfaction with the quality of information in status reports for youth placed at **CDCR, DJJ (formerly, CYA) facilities** by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

☐ I do not send youth to that type of facility at all (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Suitability to be returned home	5	4	3	2	1	X
Safety of the youth at the facility	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether court-ordered services are being provided	5	4	3	2	1	X
Whether services have been effective	5	4	3	2	1	X
School attendance and adjustment	5	4	3	2	1	X
Connections with family	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Physical health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alcohol and drug use	5	4	3	2	1	X
Independent living services	5	4	3	2	1	X
IEP	5	4	3	2	1	X
Special needs	5	4	3	2	1	X

35. Thinking now about the range of activities that occur **post-dispositionally**, please rate your satisfaction with them by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

The frequency of post-disposition review hearings for non-placement youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation review reports	5	4	3	2	1	X
Probation visits with youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child's attorney visits with youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child's attorney requests to amend probation terms	5	4	3	2	1	X

36. How often do probation officers do the following when working with youth for whom Title IV-E money is drawn?

5: Always or nearly always, 4: Often, 3: Sometimes, 2: Occasionally, 1: Never or rarely
X: Do not know

Involve youth in case plans	5	4	3	2	1	X
Try to locate relatives	5	4	3	2	1	X
Help youth make adult connections	5	4	3	2	1	X
Secure ILP services	5	4	3	2	1	X
Notice tribes when Indian status is in question	5	4	3	2	1	X

37. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of **prosecutors** in the following areas by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (Prosecutors do not do this at all)

Pre-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Post-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Appearing for scheduled hearings	5	4	3	2	1	X
Making sound legal arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the facts of the case	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the law	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about community resources	5	4	3	2	1	X
Providing timely discovery	5	4	3	2	1	X
Calling witnesses	5	4	3	2	1	X
Direct examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Cross examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Motion practices	5	4	3	2	1	X
Trial briefs	5	4	3	2	1	X

38. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of **defense attorneys** in the following areas by circling the number that best corresponds to your satisfaction level.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (Defense attorneys do not do this at all)

Pre-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Post-disposition advocacy	5	4	3	2	1	X
Conferring with child clients	5	4	3	2	1	X
Visiting child clients	5	4	3	2	1	X
Appearing for scheduled hearings	5	4	3	2	1	X
Making sound legal arguments	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the facts of the case	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about the law	5	4	3	2	1	X
Being knowledgeable about community resources	5	4	3	2	1	X
Providing timely discovery	5	4	3	2	1	X
Calling witnesses	5	4	3	2	1	X
Direct examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Cross examination	5	4	3	2	1	X
Motion practices	5	4	3	2	1	X
Trial briefs	5	4	3	2	1	X

VI. SANCTIONS AND SERVICES

39. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the range of options available to you for sanctions and services for the following populations by circling the number that best corresponds to your level of satisfaction.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not have options for these youth at all)

Sanctions for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Sanctions for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Sanctions for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for low risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for intermediate risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X
Services for high risk youth	5	4	3	2	1	X

40. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **court-ordered informal probation or DEJ** on the following outcomes:

☐ I do not order these dispositions (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied
X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

41. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **probation with wardship** on the following outcomes:

☐ I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

42. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **intensive supervision or electronic monitoring** on the following outcomes:

☐ I do not order these dispositions (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

43. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **camp, ranch, or private placement** on the following outcomes. **Note: please consider only those placements that are located in California.**

☐ I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

44. Please rate your satisfaction with the performance of youth given a disposition of **CDRC-DJJ (formerly CYA)** on the following outcomes:

☐ I do not order this disposition (skip to next question)

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (I do not receive this information at all)

Recidivism	5	4	3	2	1	X
Educational progress or improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Mental health improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Substance abuse improvement	5	4	3	2	1	X
Payment of restitution	5	4	3	2	1	X
Completion of community service	5	4	3	2	1	X

45. Please rate your satisfaction with the following supervision programs.

5: Very satisfied, 4: Satisfied, 3: Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, 2: Dissatisfied, 1: Very dissatisfied

X: Not applicable (We do not have this program at all)

Restorative justice – focused programs	5	4	3	2	1	X
Intensive supervision	5	4	3	2	1	X
Day Reporting Centers	5	4	3	2	1	X
Day Treatment Centers	5	4	3	2	1	X
House Arrest	5	4	3	2	1	X
Short stay in juvenile hall	5	4	3	2	1	X
Foster homes	5	4	3	2	1	X
Group homes	5	4	3	2	1	X
Residential treatment facilities	5	4	3	2	1	X
Camps	5	4	3	2	1	X
Ranches	5	4	3	2	1	X
CDCR, DJJ (formerly CYA) facilities	5	4	3	2	1	X

46. Some youth are particularly difficult to match with appropriate supervision, treatment, and placements. Which are the most difficult to match in your court? **Please check all that apply.**

- ☐ Low risk youthful offenders
- ☐ Very young children
- ☐ Youth with troubled home lives
- ☐ Developmentally delayed youth
- ☐ Youth with mental health issues
- ☐ Pregnant girls
- ☐ Girls
- ☐ Native American youth
- ☐ Immigrant youth

- ☐ Gang youth
- ☐ Runaways
- ☐ Beyond control youth
- ☐ High risk/low need youth
- ☐ Youth with violent backgrounds
- ☐ Youth with arson backgrounds
- ☐ Youth with sex crime backgrounds
- ☐ Other _____

VII. ASSESSING NEEDS

47. Regarding collaboration, please indicate which activities you would like to see improve by circling the number that best describes your belief:

3: This activity should happen more often or its quality should be improved

2: We are doing well regarding this activity and it should stay as it is

1: We should engage in this activity less

Meetings of stakeholders in which the courts participate	3	2	1
Meetings of stakeholders without the courts	3	2	1
Court collaborating with the community (e.g., public relations, programs for youth and victims)	3	2	1
Other agencies collaborating with the community	3	2	1
Court-probation cross-training/briefings on procedures and policies	3	2	1
Training/briefing the court on treatment options	3	2	1
Training/briefing the court on placement options	3	2	1

48. Please describe the current level of court-stakeholder meetings (with probation, child welfare, etc.) that you yourself are involved in. Check all that apply.

☐ I meet regularly with other stakeholders

☐ I meet with them on an as-needed basis

☐ I never or rarely meet with them

49. If you meet, what topics do you confer on? Please check all that apply.

☐ Procedure and policy

☐ Supervision, treatment and placement issues (not case specific)

☐ Other, please specify _____

50. Please rate the court's working relationship with the following stakeholders by circling the number that best corresponds to the quality of the working relationship.

5: Very good, 4: Good, 3: Fair, 2: Poor, 1: Very poor

X: Not applicable (the court does not have a working relationship with this group at all)

Probation	5	4	3	2	1	X
Public Defender's Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
Alternative Public Defender's Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
District Attorney's Office	5	4	3	2	1	X
County Mental Health	5	4	3	2	1	X
Child Welfare	5	4	3	2	1	X
Juvenile Hall management	5	4	3	2	1	X
Camps and Ranches management	5	4	3	2	1	X

51. Please rate the court's working relationship with the following stakeholders by circling the number that best corresponds to the quality of the working relationship.

5: Very good, 4: Good, 3: Fair, 2: Poor, 1: Very poor

X: Not applicable (the court does not have a working relationship with this group at all)

Y: Varies too much to say (e.g., depends on the specific unit, district, etc.)

Law enforcement	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
School districts	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Substance Abuse service providers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y
Domestic violence service providers	5	4	3	2	1	X	Y

52. How strongly do you agree that your court needs these system improvements?

5: Agree strongly, 4: Agree, 3: Neither agree nor disagree, 2: Disagree, 1: Strongly disagree

More time for hearings	5	4	3	2	1
More time for pre-hearing preparation	5	4	3	2	1
More judicial positions	5	4	3	2	1
More research attorneys	5	4	3	2	1
More case managers	5	4	3	2	1
More probation officers	5	4	3	2	1
Improving quality of probation reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improving timeliness of probation reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improving attorney attendance or performance	5	4	3	2	1

Access/better access to victim-offender mediation	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to family group conferencing	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to court volunteers	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile drug court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile mental health court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to juvenile traffic court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to truancy court	5	4	3	2	1
Access/better access to youth/peer court	5	4	3	2	1
Access to same- or next-day Spanish language interpreters	5	4	3	2	1
Access to same- or next-day interpreters for other languages	5	4	3	2	1

Improvements in juvenile custody options	5	4	3	2	1
Improvements in probation-supervised services	5	4	3	2	1
Availability of victim and restitution services	5	4	3	2	1

More time and opportunity to collaborate with probation and other stakeholders	5	4	3	2	1
More time and opportunity to meet with community members	5	4	3	2	1
More time and opportunity to visit placements	5	4	3	2	1

Improvements in post-disposition reports	5	4	3	2	1
Improvements in post-disposition review hearings	5	4	3	2	1

53. What, do you believe, are the top three strengths of your juvenile court?

54. What, do you believe, are the top three needs for improvement in your juvenile court?

Thank you for filling out the survey.

CFCC truly appreciates the time and effort that you have spent taking this survey. We will make the results available to you in reports generated by the Juvenile Delinquency Court Assessment, in other Center publications, and in upcoming trainings.

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